

REMARKS

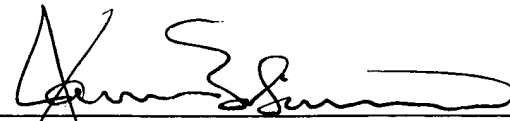
The Examiner has stated that claims 4-6, 21-23 and 38-40 would be allowable if re-written in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, the Examiner apparently believes that claims 1-3, 7-20, 24-37 and 41-54 are obvious over Kingsford et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,851,161 in view of Provost et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,984,339. Applicants do not agree, but in order to advance prosecution have amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4 and amended claim 5 to make it dependent from claim 1; amended claim 19 to include the limitations of claim 21 and amended claim 22 to make it dependent from claim 19; amended claim 37 to include the limitations of claim 38 and amended claim 39 to make it dependent from claim 37; and have cancelled claims 4, 21 and 38 and 54.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are condition for allowance.

It is not believed that any fees are due, but please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 05918-322001.

Respectfully submitted,

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